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A special meeting of the Research, Development and Production Review Board was held in the D/CO's office at 0930, 10 June 1955. The following persons were in attendance:

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1. The meeting was requested by the Engineering Division to discuss the proposals received for a transmitter that would replace the present HT-4 unit. The Chief Engineer stated that he wished to discuss the proposals received but that he was not in a position as yet to make a final recommendation. The Engineering Division presented a staff study recommending that a contract be during F.Y. 1955 for negotiated with either 150 each RT-15 transmitters and 30 RT-15 modulating units and that further investigation be made with to determine which of the two proposals is the more satisfactory and should be given the award.

- 2. Considerable discussion took place on the merits of the two proposals and the representative of the Operations and Training Division stated that either of the units would meet their operational requirements.
- The representative of Plans and Policy questioned whether Commo should in effect be developing this type of transmitter or whether it would be more economical to obtain a military unit design for a similar purpose. In discussing this question it was the opinion of several members of the Board that in fact there was no military equipment that could be utilized for this purpose; that the Agency's requirements were unique; and that any military equipment that approached the operational characteristics desired by the Agency inevitably would be incumbered with features that the Agency did not need.

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	4. The Chief Engineer proposed that before a final decision was reached a visit be made to the plant of each prospective contractor to discuss further the technical characteristics of the proposed equipments and to inspect any representative equipment that they may have available.
oc-e action	5. The Board took action and approved the procurement of loo transmitters and 20 modulators with the proviso that when the visit plant is made it is determined that the that has no overriding advantages. It was further directed by the Board that the Engineering representative will advise both contractors that following the submission of the 3 prototype units a period of 4 to 6 months will be required for testing and field evaluation of these units.
III.	1. The Board was next asked to consider a proposal of the for the development of 3 items:
	a. AC power supply for the RS-11 equipment.
	b. A specialized hand generator for the RS-11.
	c. A specialized gasoline engine generator for the RS-11.
	2. It was the opinion of the majority of the Board that no requirement existed for a gasoline generator to power the RS-11 unit and therefore this item should be omitted from the development program.
	3. The Board approved the proposals submitted by the for the development of the AC power supply and the specialized hand generator for powering the RS-11 and
oc-e action	directed the Engineering Division to process the acceptance of the proposal through the Office of Logistics.
IV.	The meeting adjourned at 1100 hours.
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Members and those in attendance listed in Paragraph I R&D Internal Projects R&D External Projects (2) PEB

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